

The Honorable Robert G. Taub
Acting Chairman
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Dear Chairman Taub:

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I am one of millions of small American businesses, the backbone of the US economy, suffering significant economic damage from the unfairly low terminal dues charged for Chinese packages being shipped into the US.

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To ship a 2 ounce package within the US costs me over 250% more than a Chinese shipper pays to deliver the same package to a US based customer. This creates an unfair imbalance, giving Chinese ecommerce merchants a powerful and unjust advantage. The expense of the growing number of Chinese packages in the USPS system drives up the fees I pay for shipping. The inequity of the current terminal dues system is one large factor in constantly rising postal rates.

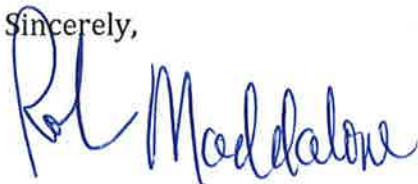
China is not a developing country in the arena of ecommerce. It should not be given the same economic advantages the UPU extends to developing nations. Charging Chinese shippers terminal dues fees substantial enough to cover the expense USPS bears to deliver the package will have strong positive effects on the American economy, especially for small businesses engaging in ecommerce. It will also ease one significant and growing financial burden upon our USPS system, which is necessary for the infrastructure of our country and is already struggling on many fronts.

The current proposed items on the agenda with rate increases to achieve parity WILL NOT solve the issue I have presented. The Chinese must move from being charged the lowest rates possible to a rate tier that is commensurate with their status as a major trading partner. Failure to do so will exacerbate the inequity and continue the financial discrimination imposed on US Businesses.

I ask that you represent the interests of the American economy and the concerns of the American people when making your statement to the State Department on this matter. We need your help, your strongest representation of our concerns. I ask that you make every effort within your means to change the current terminal dues system in place, so that Chinese package terminal dues actually cover the cost of their delivery.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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